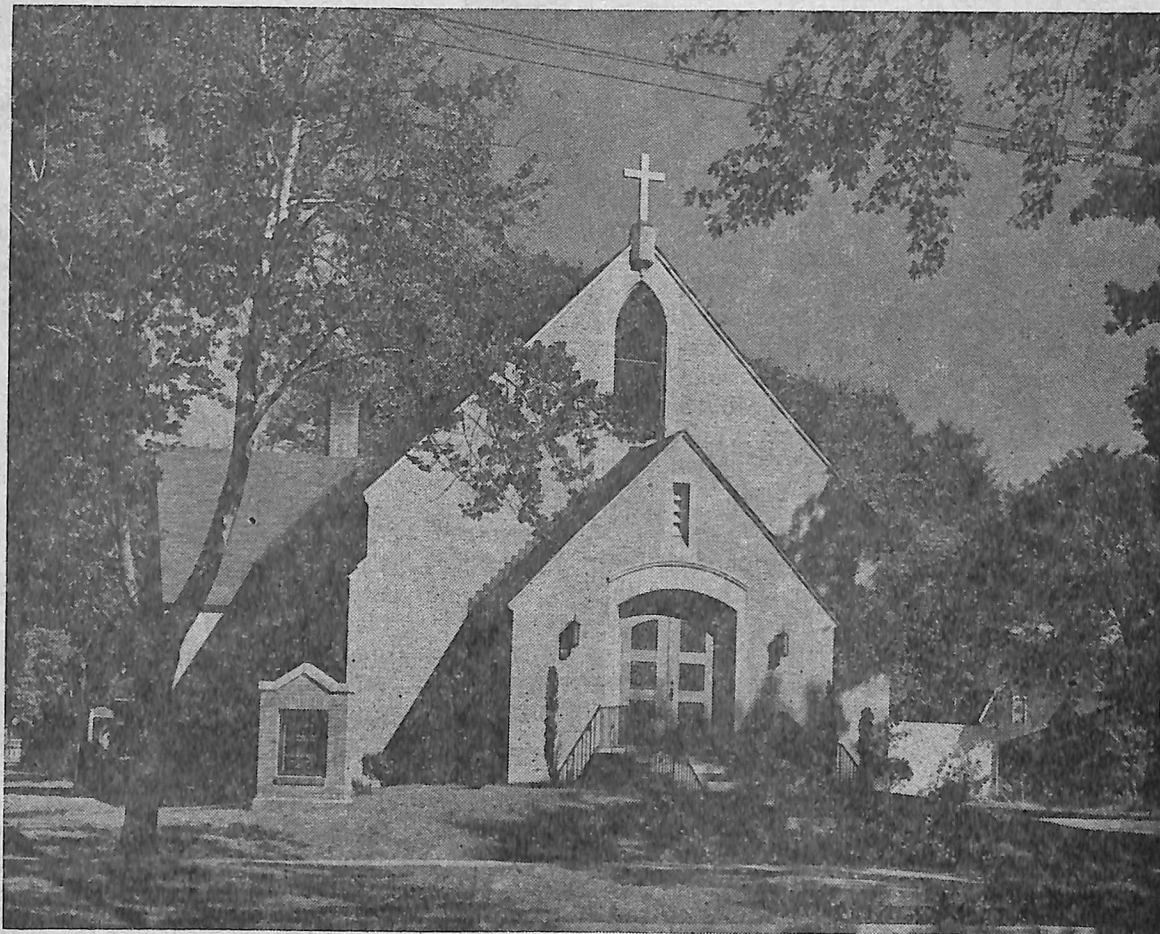


# Lutheran Tidings

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**CENTRAL BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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## Prayer for the Convention

Almighty God and Gracious Father, grant unto Thy people to do what Thou commandest. Let Thy will and Thy purpose be unmistakable; make the faithful to be of one mind in matters of the Spirit. Teach us to work with understanding through our differences, with self-searching through our prejudices, with vision through our faults of short-sightedness.

Help us to fulfill yesterday's promises and to repair yesterday's mistakes. Help us to beware of faint-heart-

edness, false modesty, and cowardly caution. Teach us to place at the disposal of Thy Kingdom such gifts as Thou already has placed at our disposal.

Give to our leadership insight above the average. Enrich their spirits by Thy presence through all the exercise of their responsibilities.

And grant that the delegates and pastors may vote, according to their consciences, decisions which may be wise and not otherwise . . . . In the name of our Lord and our Master, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## CONVENTION PROGRAM

### 79th Annual Convention, AELC

Muskegon, Michigan, August 14-19, 1956

#### Tuesday, August 14

8:00 p. m.—Opening service. Sermon by Dr. Alfred Jensen, synod president. Liturgist, Rev. Edwin Hansen.

#### Wednesday, August 15

9:00 a. m.—Devotions: General theme for the week: "The Consecrated, Christian Life," (Rom. 12). "The Sacrifice of Self." Rev. Ronald Jespersen, Danevang, Texas.

9:45 a. m.—Opening of convention by Dr. Alfred Jensen. Brief greetings of welcome.

10:00 a. m.—Business session.

11:45 a. m.—Dr. R. J. Dosker, American Bible Society.

12:00 Noon—Recess.

1:30 p. m.—Business session continued until 5 p. m.

3:30 p. m.—Refreshment pause.

4:00 p. m.—Business resumed.

5:30 p. m.—Supper period.

8:00 p. m.—"The Welfare Work of the Church," Rev. Holger Jorgensen, presiding. "Child Care," Mr. Arthur Marck, Lutheran Welfare Society of Iowa. Chicago Children's Home, Rev. Erik Moller, Chicago, Ill. Homes for the Aged, Rev. Enok Mortensen, Tyler, Minn., Rev. Svend Kjaer, Des Moines, Iowa and others. "Eben-Ezer," Rev. Victor Bagger, Brush, Colo. Seamen's Mission, Rev. Hans Brink Jensen, New York.

#### Thursday, August 16

9:00 a. m.—Devotions: "A Humble Use of Spiritual Gifts," Rev. Gordon Miller, Dalum, Alta., Canada.

9:45 a. m.—Business session.

11:30 a. m.—Memorial service, Rev. Viggo Hansen, Bridgeport, Conn. Rev. Edwin Hansen, Liturgist.

12:00 Noon—Recess.

1:30 p. m.—Business session.

3:30 p. m.—Refreshment pause.

5:30 p. m.—Supper period.

6:30 p. m.—Special film, "The Unfinished Task."

8:00 p. m.—Faith and Life Advance program. Rev. Ove Nielsen, assistant director, LWR, New York, Mr. Harry Jensen, director, Faith and Life Advance, Des Moines, Iowa, Dr. Ernest Nielsen, president, Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa.

#### Friday, August 17

9:00 a. m.—Devotions, "Rejoicing in Service to Others," Dr. Leroy Norquist, Grand View Seminary, Des Moines, Iowa.

9:45 a. m.—Business session.

12:00 Noon—Recess.

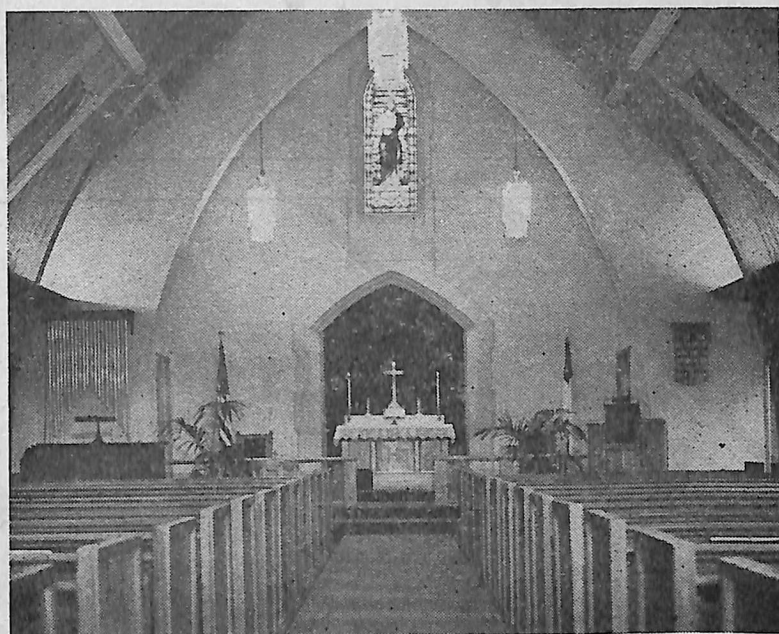
1:30 p. m.—Business session.

3:30 p. m.—Refreshment pause.

5:30 p. m.—Supper period.

7:00 p. m.—Women's Mission Society, Miss Emilie Stockholm, presiding.

8:00 p. m.—Santal Mission meeting, Mrs. A. Frances Nielsen, presiding. Miss Muriel Nielsen,



**Central Church, Muskegon.** (See also cover.) Our convention is expected to be so large that most sessions can not be held here, but will be in the Samuel Lutheran Church.

missionary on furlough, speaking. Mr. Gora Tudu, teacher from India, AELYF student Grand View College.

#### Saturday, August 18

9:00 a. m.—Devotions, "Manifesting the Spirit of Christ to the World," Rev. Richard Sorensen, Waterloo, Iowa.

9:45 a. m.—Business session.

12:00 Noon—Recess.

1:30 p. m.—Address: Rev. Robert Busche, National Lutheran Council, New York.

1:50 p. m.—Business session.

3:30 p. m.—Refreshment pause.

5:30 p. m.—Supper period.

7:00 p. m.—Women's Mission Society, Miss Emilie Stockholm, presiding.

8:00 p. m.—Address: Dr. Cordelia Cox, director, Lutheran Refugee Service, National Lutheran Council and Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, New York City.

9:15 p. m.—Youth fellowship, outdoor session planned. In event of rain, at Central Lutheran Church, Ransom at Delaware. Rev. Beryl Knudsen and Ardythe Hansen in charge.

#### Sunday, August 19

9:00 a. m.—Worship service, Rev. Eilert C. Nielsen, Clinton, Iowa.

10:30 a. m.—Worship service with communion, Rev. Verner Hansen, Los Angeles, Calif., preaching. Communion service, Rev. James N. Lund, Manistee, Mich.

10:30 a. m.—Danish worship service at Central Lutheran Church, Rev. Peter Rasmussen, Drumheller, Alta., Canada, preaching. Communion service, Dr. Alfred Jensen.

12:15 p. m.—Noon.

2:45 p. m.—Ordination service. Rev. V. S. Jensen, Ordainer, Des Moines, Iowa, in charge.

5:30 p. m.—Supper period.

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# Fruits of the Indwelling Christ

Eph. 3:13-21

From his prison cell in Rome, St. Paul manifests a great spiritual concern for the Christians at Ephesus. This text is a part of his prayer for the spiritual enrichment of these people. The heart of it, in the words of the Phillips translation is: "That Christ may actually live in your hearts by faith." St. Paul's prayer is surely as vital to 20th century Christians as it was to those of the First.

"The Indwelling Christ" is the very essence of Christianity. Just as there is a great deal of difference between visiting a place and living in it, between offering a person a bed for the night and a home for the rest of his life, so there is a vital difference between knowing, admiring and following Christ or perhaps entertaining Him for a meal or a week end, and actually having Christ live with us all through the year, living at the very center of our lives.

It is the wish of Christ to enter your life and mine, never to leave again. He wants to be one with us in all our "intimacies, privacies, simplicities, not just on the peripheries of formal, conventional and social life activities." If He is granted entrance, He will Himself "set the house in order" and dwell with us, and we with Him.

What are the fruits of the "Indwelling Christ" that St. Paul covets for the Christians at Ephesus in his prayer?

The first is inner spiritual strength. Most of us are ready to admit the lack of this, feel outright weakness even. The world is often too strong for us. We trust in the power of money, skill or personal shrewdness, but have realized often enough that these have failed us. We have been overcome by temptations to save ourselves from economic failure, from defending the good when it has been attacked, from standing alone for principle instead of compromising — indicating lack of inner strength. Many people who have tasted all that the world has to offer and contented themselves with it, have later discovered that they trusted too much in externals, which in the end brought them disgust and despair. Neither health, nor wealth, nor reputation, nor mental acumen and power are enduring. They may quickly be lost, as may any other temporal thing.

The inner, spiritual strength for which Paul prays, is real and enduring. Possession of it brings genuine security. When Christ dwells in the heart, we have it, for He will control our passions and desires and rule our lives. Man is meant to have but one ruler, God. The heart of man is His throne.

Faith is another fruit of the "Indwelling Christ." What is it? It is a condition of the inward man, an aspect of the mind and heart and soul toward God. Christ is the object of it. We must hear His voice, commit ourselves to Him and trust His word. Relaxing our own feeble grasp on the life controls and letting Him take over is the highest wisdom. Once having done this, inner strength, peace, hope, joy become ours.

Love, too, is a fruit of the "Indwelling Christ." It



Edwin E. Hansen  
Convention Host Pastor

begins with faith. Not only do we know about Christ's love for us, but we believe it. Thus it becomes a living experience. Believing in His love we come to possess and experience love for and to Christ. Love is not just an enthusiastic emotion but a rich, strong, expression of Christian character. "To love abundantly is to live abundantly; to love forever is to live forever." If Christ dwells in our hearts by faith, we will be "rooted and grounded in love" — and as a consequence be able to comprehend spiritual things.

The final fruit is a transcendent experience: "... that you may have the power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth, and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ, which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

We may not know it all, but we can know something and we can learn more, as the Spirit of God guides us. Paul wants the Ephesians to know, not a partial Christ, but the whole Christ: The righteousness of Christ, the mercy of Christ, the crucified Christ, the glorified Christ, the Christ as a social reformer. Knowledge of Christ can transform our lives, fill us with "all the fullness of God." Gradually our minds will be liberated from the trivial things of the present life to comprehend the eternal. Gradually our tastes and affections relax their hold upon the lower things and will be brought into harmony with what is holy and abiding.

"Christianity is not an experiment, but an experience. An experiment is something to be tried; an experience has been tried. Experiment is uncertain; experience is an unerring guide." How can you know that you possess the "Indwelling Christ?" By your own heart experience.

## Pioneers Needed

There is a great story to the effect that a certain society in South Africa once wrote to David Livingstone: "Have you found a good road to where you are? If so, we want to know how to send other men to join you." Livingstone replied: "If you have men who will come only if they know there is a good road, I don't want them. I want them who will come if there is no road at all."

What a crying need there is for such men in the work of Christ today!

— Prophecy Monthly.

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7:30 p. m.—Closing meeting. "Glimpses of the Image of God," Rev. Marius Krog, Omaha, Nebr. Farewell remarks by Dr. Alfred Jensen.

All meetings will be held at Samuel Lutheran Church, Houston Avenue, at Eighth St., unless otherwise stated. Dinner and supper will be served daily at the same place, but all breakfast meals will be served at Central Lutheran Church, Ransom Street at Delaware Avenue, daily from 7 to 8:30 a. m.

## Resettlement Expert to Address Annual Convention Delegates

Dr. Cordelia Cox is the outstanding Lutheran expert on refugee resettlement in the United States. She will address members of the Women's Mission Society on August 18 at the annual convention in Muskegon. She will also address the youth rally.



**Dr. Cordelia Cox**  
Service.

She supervised the resettlement of nearly 37,000 people under the U. S. Displaced Persons Act from late 1948 until 1953 as director of Lutheran Resettlement Service, the National Lutheran Council's agency for resettlement of displaced persons.

In 1953, when the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod joined the National Lutheran Council in resettlement efforts under the U. S. Refugee Relief Act, Miss Cox was elected director of the joint Lutheran Refugee

The goal of the National Lutheran Council — Missouri Synod refugee program is resettlement of 15,000 refugees, mostly from Germany and Austria.

Miss Cox's efforts on behalf of the refugees were given recognition in 1953 by Upsala College, which awarded her the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters at the 60th anniversary convocation of the college.

Born in a parsonage at Greenville, Tenn., Miss Cox was graduated from the University of North Carolina. She has done graduate work at the New York School of Social Work and at Harvard.

A field representative for the Southern Women's Educational Alliance from 1923 to 1926. Miss Cox served as school counsellor of the Richmond, Va., public schools from 1927 to 1939. She was a field representative and personnel officer of the Virginia Department of Public Welfare from 1939 to 1941.

From 1941 to 1948, when she joined the staff of the National Lutheran Council, Miss Cox was professor of case work at Richmond, Va., School of Social Work. She came to the National Lutheran Council as a consultant in the Division of Welfare but soon became director of Lutheran Resettlement Service.

She has served on the national board and as chapter chairman of the American Association of Social Workers, is a member of the National Association of School Social Workers, the National Lutheran Welfare Conference, and a past president of the Virginia Conference of Social Work.

Her activities on behalf of refugees have made her a member of various resettlement and relief committees, including the International Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations. She has served on various state and local commissions to study public welfare, and has frequently been asked to testify before committees of Congress as an expert on refugee resettlement and immigration.

## Findings Committees APPOINTED FOR THE CONVENTION IN MUSKEGON

The following have been appointed for the Findings Committees on the various Reports to the Convention:

**Findings Committee A** on Reports of Synod President and District Presidents, also on the Report from the Faith and Life Advance Committee:

Rev. C. A. Stub, Route 4, Cedar Falls, Iowa, Chairman.  
Rev. Viggo Hansen, Bridgeport, Conn.  
Rev. Beryl Knudsen, Sidney, Mich.  
Mrs. Verner Hansen, Los Angeles, Calif.  
Mr. Niels C. Jespersen, Viborg, S. D.  
Mr. Harry Gjelsteen, Menominee, Mich.  
Mrs. Richard Sarner, New Brighton, Minn.

**Findings Committee B** on Report of the Board of Directors of Grand View College and Grand View Seminary:

Rev. A. E. Farstrup, Solvang, Calif., Chairman  
Rev. Harald A. Petersen, Luck, Wis.  
Rev. Arnold Knudsen, Dannebrog, Nebr.  
Mr. Alfred Andreasen, Oak Park, Ill.  
Mr. Viggo Nielsen, Bridgeport, Conn.  
Miss Reeta Petersen, Gowen, Mich.  
Mrs. Willie Jacobsen, Kimballton, Iowa.

**Findings Committee C** on Matters of Finance:

Mr. John Lund, 155 Norfolk Road, Waterloo, Iowa, Chairman.

Rev. Harold E. Olsen, Junction City, Ore.  
Rev. Gordon Miller, Wayne, Alberta, Canada  
Mr. Jess Kaltoft, Tyler, Minn.  
Mr. Ted Christensen, Brush, Colo.  
Mr. Aksel Nielsen, Elmwood Park, Ill.  
Mr. Kenneth Kjolhede, Birmingham, Mich.

**Findings Committee D** on General Matters, Children's and Old People's Homes, Pension Fund, Publications, etc.:

Rev. Marius Krog, 730 So. 50th St., Omaha 6, Nebr., Chairman.

Rev. Ove R. Nielsen, Fords, N. J.  
Mr. Carl Bonnicksen, Ringsted, Iowa.  
Mrs. Esther D. Sorensen, Askov, Minn.  
Mr. Robert Nussle, Chicago, Ill.  
Mr. George Norman, Seattle, Wash.

Suggestions or recommendations in regard to any phase of any of the above mentioned reports may be sent to the chairman of the respective committee — or if more convenient to any member of the committee.

**Erling N. Jensen**, Chairman.

**Holger Strandskov**, Asst. Chairman.

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## Convention Invitation

April 20, 1956

The Central Bethlehem Lutheran congregation, Ransom Street, at Delaware Avenue, Muskegon, Michigan, is pleased to extend a hearty invitation to pastors, delegates and members of our synod to attend the annual synodical convention which will be held here August 14-19, 1956. Our people are preparing for your coming with happy anticipation and will do their best to make your stay in "The Port City" enjoyable.

All pastors and delegates must send their registrations and credentials to the chairman of our committee in charge of these, Mrs. George W. Hansen, 1236 Montgomery Avenue, Muskegon, Michigan, by July 15.

Other convention participants are urged to register with the Registration and Credentials Committee by August 1st.

In order that we may make adequate preparations we urge that you:

1. Note carefully the registration dates and register in time;
2. Notify us as early as possible, if for some reason you must cancel your registration, that we do not hold open housing for you which may be made available to others;
3. Notify us if you want Motel or Hotel accommodations reserved for you very early, since this is a resort area and such may not be available unless reserved at an early date.

Registration cards will be sent to the pastors in due time. We suggest that all convention guests use these. Details about travel information will be supplied later.

Registration will be at the Samuel Lutheran Church, Houston Avenue at Eighth Street.

George W. Hansen, President.  
Edwin E. Hansen, Pastor.

## Topics For Discussion

### No. I

#### PROPOSED ADDITION TO ARTICLE 13, SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

2. A congregation which desires to call a pastor shall notify the president of the Synod. The president shall in turn—
  - a. Present the congregation a list of pastors who desire a call for a new charge.
  - b. Give advice and guidance concerning the selection of a pastor.
  - c. PRINT A NOTICE IN "LUTHERAN TIDINGS" TO THE EFFECT THAT A PASTOR IS BEING SOUGHT BY THE CONGREGATION NAMED.

PASTORS WISHING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS CALL WILL NOTIFY THE SYNOD PRESIDENT WHO WILL, IN TURN, NOTIFY THE CONGREGATION.

NOTICE SHALL BE RUN IN EACH ISSUE OF "LUTHERAN TIDINGS" UNTIL THE CALL IS FILLED.

The congregation may then send a letter of call to any pastor of the Synod or of another Lutheran church body, etc.

Paul J. Blinkilde, President.  
St. Peters Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
Detroit, Michigan.

## Notice of Ordination

At the convention in Muskegon four young men are to be ordained to the ministry in the church. May I ask ALL ministers please to bring their gowns?

The gown does not do it, nor does any other paraphernalia, if the Spirit is not present. But if the Spirit of God is present, then the festivity is heightened by festive apparel.

Valdemar S. Jensen, Ordainer.

## The Living Word

### WORDS THAT HAVE ACQUIRED WORSE MEANINGS

(Seventeenth in a Series)

A number of words were used by the King James Version in a good or at least harmless or neutral sense, which now have acquired worse or more violent meanings. "Base" simply meant

"lowly" or "humble" — "I, Paul, who in presence am base among you" (2 Corinthians 10:1). "Vile" was no worse — "our vile body" (Philippians 3:21) is rendered by the Revised Standard Version "our lowly body;" and the poor man's "vile raiment" (James 2:2) is "shabby clothing."



When we read concerning John the Baptist that "the soldiers demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do?" (Luke 3:14),

we get an impression of peremptoriness that did not belong to the word "demand" in 1611, when it simply meant "ask." "Riot" and "rioting" referred them to revelry and loose living rather than to turbulence and violence.

"Addicted" was then employed in a good sense but now is generally used of bad habits. The KJ rendering "they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints" has been changed in RSV to read, "they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints" (1 Corinthians 16:15). The word "unspeakable" tends to be applied now to bad rather than to good things; the Revised Standard Version therefore has "Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15), and "rejoice with unutterable joy" (1 Peter 1:8).

The word "covet" was used for earnest desire and zeal for the higher things of life, as well as for inordinate passion for its more material comforts (1 Corinthians 12:31). The word "convenient" was applied to what is fitting and proper instead of to what suits one's personal ease or comfort or lies near at hand (Ephesians 5:4). To "tempt" was sometimes used in the sense of try or test, without the present implication of seeking to lead into evil (Mark 12:15).

The "barbarous" were simply people who did not know the Greek language or share in the Greek culture (Acts 28:2). The "feeble-minded" were not mentally deficient, but simply faint-hearted (1 Thessalonians 5:14). The "Libertines" who appear just once in the Bible (Acts 6:9) were not loose livers, but respectable freedmen, who had a synagogue in Jerusalem.

Luther A. Weigle.

## "The Unfinished Task"

### New Film Issues Challenge

At some time during the annual convention of the synod in Muskegon, a new religious film called, "The Unfinished Task" will be shown. It is a feature-length picture which has been called "A picture you'll never forget!"

It is the dramatic story of the clashing of two worlds — the world of John W. Bradford, successful businessman, who, despite his active church membership, worships at the shrine of material success, and —

The world of his son, Jim, who turns his back on a "complacent and comfortable Christianity" and, over his father's violent protest, decides to go "all out for Christ." (See picture below.)



Mr. Bradford hears a young pastor's sermon, during the course of the story, which makes a profound impression on him. From this sermon, the following is quoted:

Indeed, my friends, these words of the Savior could well be called the over-riding compulsion of His entire life. Listen to the urgency with which He speaks them: "I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work."

Now, what was the "work" to which the Savior had dedicated Himself so unselfishly, so unremittingly, so completely? It was the work of redeeming a lost and sinful race from the guilt, the power, and the punishment of sin.

By His holy, spotless life — in OUR STEAD — and by His innocent suffering and death — in OUR STEAD — He paid the ransom and won our complete release from the infernal powers of darkness.

That, above all else, is what He meant when He said: "I must work the works of Him that sent Me."

And do you know what He is saying to you and me today? "As My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you."

We, too, have a divine mission here on earth! Ours is the task of proclaiming far and wide, to all men everywhere, the glorious news of their redemption — through the life and death of Jesus Christ our Lord!

Now, honestly, how much are we doing to fulfill the Savior's purpose here on earth? How much are we giving of our time, our talents, our possessions, of ourselves, in order that the unfinished task which He has placed before us may be carried forward?

Oh, I know it's a comparatively simple matter for us to sit here on Sundays, to bring our offerings, and to sing our hymns of praise. But Christ did more than sing. He did more than give. He worked and bled and died in order that all men, everywhere, might live.

If only our hearts might be touched by the warmth and

fervor of His love! If only our eyes might catch the vision that was His! If only our lives might be completely dedicated to His purpose: the preaching of His Gospel to the ends of the earth!

If only, like Him, we would hear that inner voice at the dawn of each new day, which says: "I must work the works of Him that sent Me" . . .

## Pastor Knighted by King of Denmark

Reverend Svend A. Jorgensen, who has served as minister of St. Peter's Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in Detroit, Michigan, for almost 31 years, was knighted by the king of Denmark on April 7, 1956, and has received the order, "Ridder af Dannebrogordenen." This honor was extended to him for good and faithful service within the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, as well as for valuable support of Danish American activities in the United States.

Rev. Svend Jorgensen was born November 14, 1883, on the Island of Moen in Denmark. His parents were Rev. and Mrs. Jens Jorgensen. In 1923 his father became "Ridder af Dannebrogordenen."

His family came to the United States in May 1897 when his father was called to Kedron Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grant, Michigan. He went through the public schools in Michigan and Minnesota, entered Grand View College, Des Moines, Iowa, in 1903, graduated from the seminary as Cand. Theol. in 1911, and was ordained in his father's church in Kimballton, Iowa, December 3, 1911. From 1921 to 1923 he did post-graduate work at Hartford Theological Seminary.

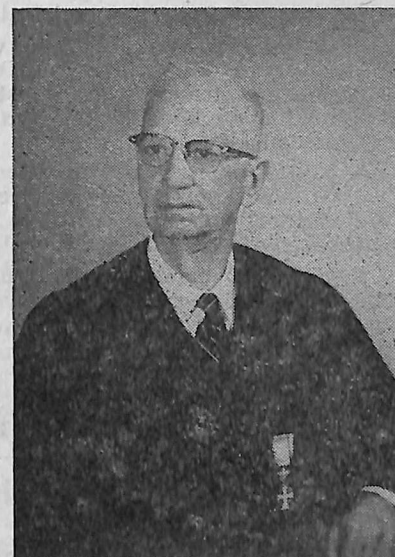
Rev. Jorgensen served as minister of Nathanael and Volmer Churches in Dagmar, Montana, from 1911 to 1919, and while there two new churches were built. From 1919 to 1925 he served as minister of Our Savior's Church in Hartford, Connecticut, and on November 1, 1925 he became minister of St. Peter's Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in Detroit, where he still serves.

On June 1, 1921, he was married to Florence A. Brown of Hartford, Connecticut. Their daughter, Alice, is a teacher in Lincoln high school, Ferndale, Michigan.

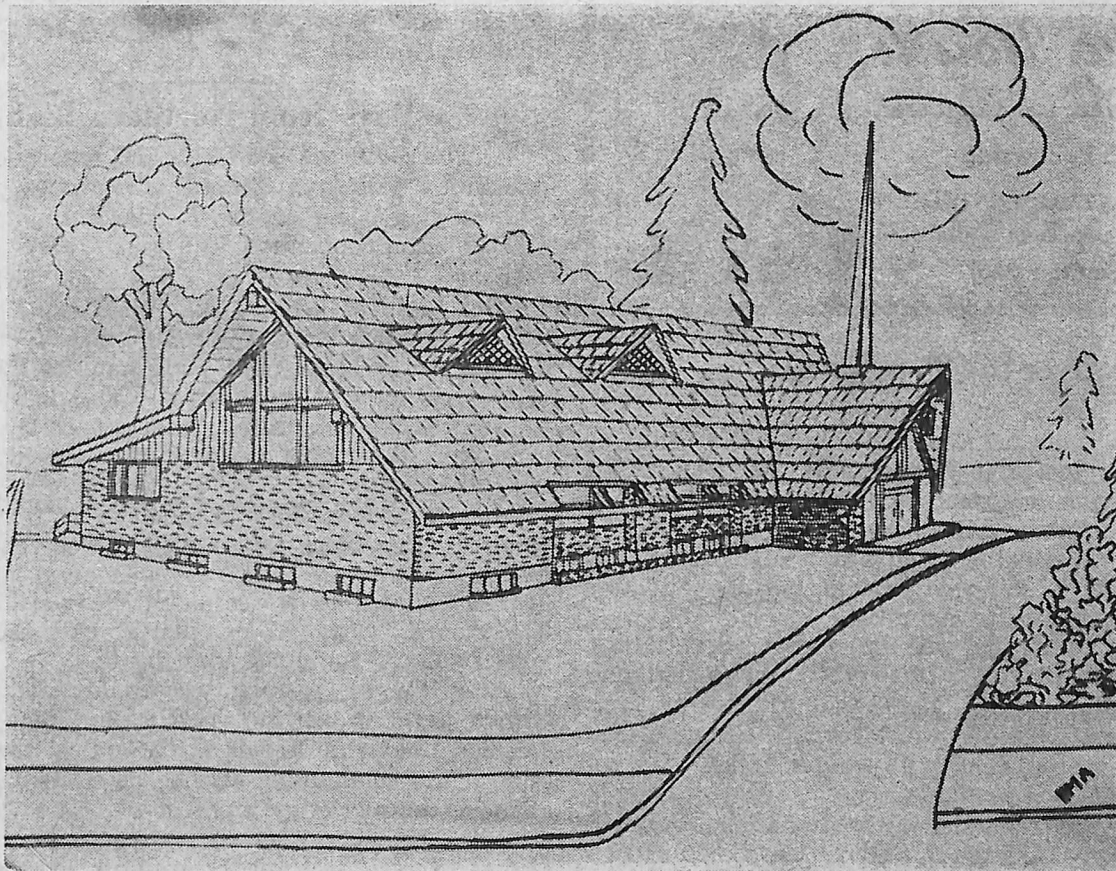
He has five brothers and two sisters: Rev. Hakon Jorgensen, Cordova, Nebraska; Rev. Ottar Jorgensen, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Prof. Peter Jorgensen, Grand View College; Olav Jorgensen and Johannes Jorgensen, both in the building business in Portland, Oregon; Mrs. Kamma Grumstrup, Luck, Wisconsin; and Mrs. Sigrid Pedersen, Chicago, Illinois.

Rev. Jorgensen's service has been a great blessing, not merely for his congregation, but for all the Danes in Detroit. No gathering of any importance was complete without his presence. In the past 30 years, those

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Pastor Svend Jorgensen



### Hope Lutheran Church, Enumclaw, Wash.

Hope Lutheran Church, like many of our smaller, isolated congregations has struggled valiantly for years to keep alive. In the past decade its vicissitudes have become increasingly severe with the gradual decline in membership. The remaining members, despairing over their plight, hung doggedly on, unwilling to face defeat, hoping their circumstances would change. They didn't. It seemed that nothing short of a miracle would prevent its dissolution.

Over night, seemingly, the picture changed. One day we were resigned to defeat — the next, we were calling a resident pastor, selling our present church, looking for a new site and excitedly discussing plans for a new church building.

Today these plans are well on the way toward realization. The old buildings have been sold at a fair price, a beautiful site has been selected in a section of town with many new homes and across the street from a plot designated as city park. A finance committee is preparing to canvass the congregation for pledges, arrangements are being made for a loan and the final plans have been adopted by the congregation. Pastor H. M. Andersen, who has been serving the congregation on a part-time basis from Seattle has accepted a call to serve as resident minister and moved here on the first of July to begin his duties.

The new church will be constructed of brick, sandstone, redwood and hand-split cedar roofing. It will be 58 feet long and 34 feet wide, with additional space provided on one side for a church office — and on the other for an entry-way. The interior construction will consist of plastered side-walls and 2x6 tongue and groove

ceiling supported by laminated arches. The church will have seating space for 150 worshippers and 24 choir members. The entry hall will have slate flooring and will feature a planter box dividing the two stairways.

The full basement will provide four separate classrooms, social hall with fireplace, furnace room, kitchen and rest rooms.

One of the most unusual features of the building will be an altar window, framing Mount Rainier as a symbol of God's omnipotence. Directly below the window will be the altar on which will stand a simple cross, projected upward in front of the window.

The estimated cost of the structure is \$30,000 with some savings possible through donated labor and materials. Pastor Andersen has designed the structure and John Hansen, a local builder and member, is doing the technical drawings for us, thus saving considerable expense. Construction should begin about the first of September, with completion about February first.

Thus has begun the unfolding of a new and exciting chapter in the history of Hope Lutheran Church. Miraculous? Yes, we believe it is. But it is a miracle which can happen anywhere, in other congregations with a similar history, when the people realize that such miracles are not performed FOR us, but THROUGH us.

**Contributed.**

Democracy — that form of government which leaves every citizen free to do his best for the public welfare.

**Louis Pasteur.**

## Paging Youth

American Evangelical Lutheran

Youth Fellowship

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### Over the Typewriter

Although there is an illimitable supply of the so-called "canned" material which would be very suitable for this page, I feel that you would rather read about things which have happened in the synod that are interesting to you because they are by and about you. I find such material lacking again this time. Pastors, advisors, officers and interested readers, please send news of what is happening in your area.

I also want to remind you of several other things. First of all, do not forget the synod convention and especially youth night at Muskegon, Michigan. It is only fun and worthwhile if you take part. A great deal of planning has been done with you in mind. Do not let them down.

Secondly, I was reminded by your national AELYP President, Lavern Larkowski, that in the copies of LUTHER LIFE, which each local group has received, there is a study on the book of Ephesians. This material needs discussion and planning to make it fully beneficial. Study it and utilize it . . . it is well done and time well spent.

Thirdly, I want to call your attention to the portion of the last LUTHERAN TIDINGS headed "Opinion and Comment," written by the editor of LUTHERAN TIDINGS, Rev. Verner Hansen. He discussed, among other things, a concert by Tschaikovsky. I hope that each of you read this page and that you do so every time, because he discusses points that are valuable to each of us.

To return to the concert, I, too, had an opportunity to hear this concert. I was not in attendance at the beautiful Hollywood Bowl, however, but listened to it via the medium of radio. With the electronic ability and craftsmanship of several men, I heard the concert in stereophonic sound by using two receivers, one AM, the other, FM.

The point is not that the concert was so enjoyable, although it was, but that we do truly live in an age that forces one to sit back and take stock of the world as it rushes by him. I hope that each of you realizes that you are living in this age of mechanism and speed and that you are required to produce and materialize with it.

It is not enough that our generation produce new machines and electronic wonders, but also that we produce spiritual and abstract intangibles that are not a part of the mechanistic world. I am reminded of a story that is told of a young boy just home from Sunday school. He said, "Mom, today the teacher told us about Moses and how he marched his army across the river on the pontoon bridges that he built. After he got across, he radioed ahead for his bombers to come over and blow up the bridge behind them." His mother replied that that wasn't the way the story went. "But, Mom," he

said, "if I told it like the teacher did, you'd never believe it." Be careful, lest we lose sight of the meanings behind the stories.

### Rays from Northern Lights

The following is an informal report sent to the editor's desk from "Slim" who writes of his (or her) good time at the Northern Lights District Camp and convention:

I just came back from a week of Northern Lights District camp at Wood Lake, Wisconsin. Boy, it sure was fun! There were between 70 and 80 campers there besides the preachers and their families.

We had to be at breakfast at 7:30. Right after breakfast, a group from a different town each day would lead in a short devotional period. This was done while at the breakfast table.

At nine o'clock, we had religious instruction and discussion. The topics and ministers were changed every day.

The ball games were next. We were divided into five groups. Two groups played ball each day, two volleyball, and the other went boating.

After the ball games, we would have camp choir. Although there was not much time for practice, we sounded like professionals at the end of the week. We sang at the communion service on Thursday night, and at the program Friday night.

After dinner, while we were still at the table, the Daily Chronicle was read. Anytime someone had some bit of juicy gossip or news, they gave it to the camp director and he put it into the Chronicle. We got some pretty good newspapers and they were very interesting.

At 1:45, we had discussion periods. Here again, a different pastor was in charge each day.

Next, we went swimming and boating. That was a lot of fun. Some of the girls tried to drown, because we had such a handsome lifeguard.

After supper, we had time to go boating, play ping pong, or just about anything we wanted to do. From seven to seven-thirty, we sang. Then after that, we had our programs. We were divided into three groups and each group did something different each evening.

After singing together and the programs, we always folk danced. Although we were usually warm and tired, it was always a welcome part of the program.

Last of all, we had campfire. It was supposed to be outside, but most of the time it was inside because of the rain.

Our lights were supposed to be out by eleven. By that time, we were plenty tired, and it was not hard to fall asleep.

On Wednesday, we had our district convention and elected the following new officers: President, Dale Clausen, Askov, Minn.; vice president, Erling Duus, Alden, Minn.; secretary, Elsa Muller, Minneapolis, Minn.; advisors, Harold Petersen, Askov, Minn., and Paul Nussle, Tyler, Minn.

Thursday evening, we had a communion service. It was very impressive, with a self constructed altar covered with ferns and candles. It made each of us more conscious of God's presence at such a camp.

As usual, there were the sad farewells and the greetings sent back to those who could not come. I had a good time and hope to come back again!

# Our Women's Work

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## From the President's Desk

Although the agenda for the business sessions of the WMS convention which will be held on August 18 and 19, at Muskegon, Michigan, is not yet completed, we are bringing you a brief preview of important items upon which our members must act. The business sessions will be held at 6:30 to 7:45 on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Heading the list of important business is the proposed revised constitution which will be presented by the Constitution Committee.

A committee has prepared a proposed model District Constitution which will be presented for the approval of the convention. The board feels that the program of WMS can be carried on more effectively through organized district auxiliaries. We hope that the convention will recommend the district constitution for adoption by the district groups at their respective conventions. Mrs. George Melby, Mrs. Alfred Holgaard, Mrs. Vagn Duus and Mrs. Clifford Carlsen have done a fine piece of work in preparing this constitution.

The Handbook Committee, Mrs. Ernest Nielsen and Mrs. Aksel Holst, have prepared copy for an official handbook for WMS. They will present a report to the convention, which will be followed by a discussion on the matter of publishing a handbook.

Our general fund has a net balance of \$1,503.88. We will make a decision as to the appropriation of this money.

The board will present suggestions for a new special project. All members are invited to offer suggestions. The convention will discuss these and make a choice.

Reports of the president and the district representatives will be presented in mimeographed form. A findings committee will review these reports and present recommendations to the convention for action.

Our key women will meet on Thursday evening at 6:30 under the chairmanship of Mrs. Arnold Sorensen, assistant secretary. It is important that all key women in attendance at the convention be present at this meeting.

Emilie Stockholm.

## Women Meet to Prepare for Minneapolis

When the Lutheran Federation met in Hannover, Germany, in 1952 there was a special section devoted to women's work. The meetings were held in a separate building and a complete program was planned for the women in attendance. Excellent leaders from many countries were present and spoke to us, but the more than 200 women who were present expressed that they would prefer to be part of the main group in the Assembly rather than to meet in a special women's section. It was therefore decided that the next meeting of LWF would not plan to have separate meetings for women.

The dates for the third LWF meeting have been set and plans for the meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in August of 1957 are well under way.

On July 9 a group of women representing the women of the churches, which are members of LWF, met in Chicago. Mrs. C. W. Baker, Jr., who is a member of the Commission on Stewardship and Congregational Life of LWF, had been asked by the Commission to call a meeting, of the Chairmen and Executive Secretaries of the women's groups of the LWF member churches, to discuss the possibility of bringing as additional foreign guests, women who otherwise could not, come to the LWF meeting in Minneapolis. Delegates and official visitors coming from the 29 foreign countries will be sponsored by the churches in these countries, but

the Commission on Stewardship feels this will be a golden opportunity to bring other women in key positions here. It was my privilege to represent our group at the Chicago meeting as a substitute for Emilie Stockholm and it is upon her request that I bring you information from this meeting.

The group organized under the name of Lutheran Women's Coordinating Committee with Mrs. C. W. Baker, Jr., as chairman. There were eleven women present plus Mrs. Baker and Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton who had been invited to give advice and information.

To bring anyone from a foreign country to Minneapolis will mean funds. It was estimated that it would cost \$1,000 for each guest coming from Asia. It was suggested that these non-delegates should get together with representatives from U. S. groups for a two day meeting prior to the Minneapolis meeting. The purpose of this would be to get acquainted and orientated. The expense of this would be included in the above \$1,000 figure.

Mrs. C. W. Baker expressed the hope that the Women's Coordinating Committee would set a tentative goal of \$20,000 for this purpose. This was voted on and carried. This will not mean, however, that the committee is hoping to bring 200 non-delegates. There will be many expenses before these plans are completed. Representatives from the ULC and the Augustana women's organizations had already been authorized to offer \$5,000 and \$3,000 contributions, respectively. Our WMS chairman plans to bring this issue before our business meeting in Muskegon to be voted on. We are the smallest group represented on this committee, our contribution will naturally be in proportion to our size, but it is, nevertheless, important that we authorize our WMS chairman to contribute to and share in this undertaking. Our chairman will have the opportunity to submit names of guests to be considered, however, the final decision on this will be left to a committee and to Rev. Carl E. Lund-Quist, Geneva, Switzerland, who is the Executive Secretary of LWF.

Plans are under way for post Minneapolis meetings to be held in 6-8 section of U. S. Teams of the foreign guests will speak at these meetings and this will be an opportunity for those of us who cannot attend the Minneapolis meeting to hear these speakers.

The theme of the Assembly, "Christ Frees and Unites," is the subject of the study material which is being prepared and which will be available to our women's groups as well as to the Lutheran women in the foreign countries.

The committee discussed the possibility of giving each of the foreign women guests a small gift. At Hannover, Germany, all American women received boxes with several gifts. This matter will be decided on at a later meeting.

The committee also discussed organizing committees of key women in the various districts where the post Minneapolis meetings will be held. This too will be discussed more in detail at a later meeting.

And, finally, upon the suggestion of Mrs. Baker it was decided to ask native women in various countries to write something which we could print on our women's pages during the last six months before the Minneapolis Assembly. It was felt that this would be a link of understanding between Lutheran women all over the world. Mrs. Baker was asked to make the contacts.

The LWF meeting is an important event in the life of our churches. Besides a general interest in this meeting we women now also have a special interest, even though we will not have special sessions in Minneapolis. We should therefore follow the planning and with interest prepare to participate in the meetings which will be available to us.

Ellen Knudsen.

## Faith and Life Advance

A successful businessman and farmer refused to contribute to Christian Education in his church, saying, "I haven't any education and I have done pretty well." Let us see.

When he has a toothache he wants a dentist — with a college education.

When he is sick, he wants a physician — with a college education.

When he built his bank, he wants an architect — with a college education.

When he wants a preacher — he wants a college-trained man.

The larger part of the success of his farming is due to scientific discovery and investigation by men with college education.

If he reads books — they are probably written by men with college education.

The benefits of sanitation, hygiene, medicine, literature, religion, invention, industry, art, etc., have come as a result of education.

Most of the thing people enjoy and much of what they are able to achieve is the result directly or indirectly of education possessed by other people.

Though we oftentimes think that perhaps we would have less wars and suffering if we didn't have as much education, yet I would never blame the troubles we have on education but upon the sinfulness and unwillingness of each of us to live God fearing lives. We should ever endeavor to encourage our young men and women to go on with their education. An education will give them tools to discover new things which, for example, might help the fight against cancer as Jonas Salk helped the fight against polio. Furthermore, an education will help to give the recipient peace and contentment. God tells us this in the Psalm: "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold."

In regard to schools of education, we should think about the rise of such schools in America. Religious groups really laid the foundation of such buildings and institutions (this fine public school we see being enlarged as we leave church this morning). The churches ran ahead of the state in secondary education by establishing academies in the days before public high schools. The church fathers established colleges and universities before the state undertook this important work which they needed to do.

Today we look at the excellent University at Minneapolis or Brookings and we say, "Why not send our boys and girls to these places where there are many facilities for study and high-priced teachers." To be sure, at one time I possessed such an attitude, but I now realize that these places are maintained only because of a practically unlimited budget, and they were started out of the urging of religious leaders to provide education for the men and women of our land. If we are to

have a democratic, free society, men must be educated. But the men of religious conviction did not feel that schools should only be found to produce, like a machine, men for medicine, teachers, lawyers and preachers. The founding fathers supported and founded religious institutions because they felt that they had something valuable to offer which would not be given in state owned ivy-covered halls like at Brookings or Minneapolis. They felt that a college must give an education with a religious viewpoint inserted and they sacrificed for the building of such schools.

Today we have Grand View College and we of this generation might be inclined to say, "Why not send them to state schools." Your church leaders of centuries ago, worked hard to build Grand View that "God might be in education" and we of today have the privilege of carrying on the work of giving people an education with a spiritual emphasis. One cannot say, but would we be apt to have been like the Communists of Russia with no freedom to think if we had not continued our religious schools in America.

Our courses need injected an emphasis on God if we are to create a peaceful, happy society. Medicine without God makes experimenters like we saw rise in Germany under Hitler. Ethics without God makes men who treat others like many southerners treat the Negro. Freedom of speech, freedom of worship and other cherished freedoms would soon be a thing of the past. (And though we look at the large array of books on the book and magazine rack at the drugstore and say, "The arts are truly degraded and vulgar," still we must remember that much good material is published today to compensate for the vulgar and obscene. Much good drama is produced to counter-act the risque.) But without God in the teaching of art, the subject would become one of the basest of nature. History becomes economic determinism.

We of our church who own Grand View College, should be proud to know that we help to elevate society by producing men and women with a religious outlook. Men and women who become specialists in so many, many varied types of work. Now we are being asked to give \$100,000 to our church, one-fifth of what the new addition in Ruthton will cost. We, whose school has helped to make this nation as prosperous and peaceful as it is, should readily support this great undertaking. Miss Marie Olsen and Mrs. Jennie Petersen of Ruthton should feel proud they have done so much for their God and nation as to vote for this raising of \$100,000 for our college in Des Moines, Iowa.

Today as I speak to you, let us get off the plane of the ideal and talk about the advantages and disadvantages of an education at our church college.

As one who knows from experience at GVC and a




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state college, I feel that the great advantage of a place like our college is that it takes the place of the family.

Around home, we have mother and father to talk with about our problems. They guide us when we need help. Likewise, the faculty at GVC guides when we need help.

Perhaps one doesn't talk to a psychiatrist or ask advice in an ornate office. He might talk with one of the teachers out in the hall, after church, or at a game. Because he knows the teacher better in the small setting of the campus, it is not hard to talk.

Because a lad or girl often needs help when away from home, the help should be the right kind. The help should be Christian and at that most critical time in life, away from home, the help is Christian. The help comes from those who have founded their life upon the Bible.

There is a second great advantage: A Christian college can promote activities which are in harmony with Christian teachings of right and wrong. Well do I remember the time we booed a referee of a basketball game, and at the next student meeting, we were reminded of the discourtesy. My friends told me of the spirit in the basketball team that made them even cheer their opponent, the winner. The occasional Saturday evening dances and other events showed us that fellowship of the sexes need not be an enjoyment for only two but for all the students. The dark corner is not essential to make an enjoyable evening for dancers.

There are many other advantages, such as the fact that most of our ministers come out of our Church-related college. If you consider them of value to you, remember that your college is training men for this task before they reach the seminary.

I'm sure that some of you have some emotions from which you are now saying, "I don't have a very high opinion of that place in Des Moines."

Some have criticized the school as being too lax in rules. Others have said that they over-emphasize fun. Others say that it is too small. Others feel that their children will not be able to transfer their credits when they attend another college.

When you buy a new car, do you buy because of the advertising, what the salesman says, or because your friends have said that it is a good car. Ford advertises and says, "Ask the man who owns one." The same is true for the answer to your doubts about Grand View College.

After seeing so many young people pass through the doors of Grand View College and leave as much bigger men, I know that the disadvantages are not so great as some would like to envision them and that the advantages of this church-related school far outweigh any disadvantages.

The other day, a friend told me that her daughter is farsighted. She can't see things clearly when they are close. To Kathleen, life is wonderful and there is nothing wrong. When she is older and wears glasses to correct the fault, she will be so happy when she sees much more.

Likewise, our children are not seeing Grand View to the fullest, but when they attend our school, they will really appreciate the values of a church-related school.

Our Epistle lesson tells us of what our life can often be like. Peter tells his friends, "For you were going

astray like sheep." Then Peter speaks of the way we should go "returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls" and he refers to living close to Christ our Savior.

Our Gospel text tells about how the wolf tries to devour the sheep while Jesus protects his lambs and that He is the true shepherd of the sheep.

When it comes time for your children to go away to college, rest assured that at Grand View College they will get an education which will make them closer to the Shepherd in actions and in spirit.

I know — I was there.

Rev. Walter E. Brown.

## Gora Tudu's Visit to Dwight

It is late Sunday evening — all is quiet except for the rhythmic chirping of the crickets. In this stillness of the evening it is pleasant to live over in our thoughts the blessings of God on this Lord's Day.

This Sunday has been a beautiful day here in Dwight. All of Nature is decked in lush green after blessings of recent rains. The weather is ideal. Into this setting we have been looking forward with a great deal of anticipation to our most welcome guest, Gora Tudu, and to our Santal Mission Sunday.

Gora Tudu, a radiant Christian and a sparkling personality, spoke first for the Sunday School children. Later the primary children sang for our worship service the three choruses, "For God So Loved the World," "Jesus Loves the Little Ones Like Me, Me, Me," "Jesus Loves the Little Children of the World," and the older children sang the beautiful hymn "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations." At Sunday school Mr. Tudu sang "Jesus Loves Me" in his native language. He immediately won the hearts of the children as well as of all who heard him.

A few minutes before the worship services the sky grew very dark. It became necessary for the cars to proceed with lights as we had a very heavy down-pour. This was the only time that the writer can remember that worship services were delayed for ten minutes. God blest us both with rain from the heavens and with spiritual rain. Gora Tudu spoke very interestingly of the work done by our beloved missionaries, Harold and Mary Riber, in India. He brought out how deeply that they are loved and highly respected by the people of India and how that they are so quick to understand the thinking and the minds of the Santals as well as other people of India.

Gora Tudu emphasized most of all what Christ means to him. He has had much to endure upon accepting Christ as his personal Savior, but he knows that Christ has a purpose in permitting these trials and testings and that He gives the strength to endure them. In India when a native becomes a Christian he becomes an outcast from his home and family. Even friends will not have any fellowship with him anymore — he can go to the mission compound and there they can look after him. It costs something to become a Christian in India.

Where once Skrefsrud knelt and prayed that there might be one who would turn to Christ there are now

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## District III Annual Meeting

**CLINTON, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 28, 29 AND 30, 1956**

District III of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church will have its annual meeting in St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Clinton, Iowa, September 28, 29 and 30, 1956. Members and friends of our churches are welcome to participate. Congregations are reminded that they are to elect delegates to the meeting on the basis of one delegate for every 25 voting members.

A special program will be initiated this year. The young people of District III are conducting a one-day workshop in Clinton during the convention. All young people are encouraged to attend.

Ivan E. Nielsen, District President.

### INVITATION

St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran congregation in Clinton hereby extends to members and friends of District III of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church a hearty welcome to all who may desire to share in the above meeting. Please send registrations to Mrs. Agnes Prieskorn, 1004 Pershing Blvd., Clinton, Iowa, by September 24, 1956.

Edwin Zastrow, President.  
Eilert C. Nielsen, Pastor.

### PROGRAM

**Theme: The Christian Outreach**

**Friday, September 28**

8:00 p. m.—Opening service, "The Christian Outreach In The Community," Pastor Paul Wikman.

**Saturday, September 29**

9:00 a. m.—Devotions: "The Christian Outreach In Education," Dr. Johannes Knudsen.

9:45 a. m.—Business session.

12:00 Noon—Dinner.

1:30 p. m.—Business session.

5:30 p. m.—Supper.

7:00 p. m.—Women's Missionary Society business meeting followed by a lecture by Missionary Muriel Nielsen.

**Sunday, September 30**

10:30 a.m.—Worship service and communion. Sermon, "The Christian Outreach — The Church," Pastor Ivan Nielsen, Liturgist, Pastor Eilert Nielsen.

12:00 Noon—Dinner.

The program this year concludes with the Sunday dinner. This change has been made to encourage everyone to remain for the full program.

## District VI Convention

The district convention of District VI will be held in the Pioneer Lutheran Church, near White, South, Dakota, September 14-16.

The congregation extends a cordial invitation to all of the VI District to attend and be their guests. Lodging will be furnished for all pastors and delegates, their husbands and wives.

Your reservations must be sent before September 1 to Mr. Alvin Hansen, Route 2, Brookings, South Dakota.

The Pioneer Church is located near Highway 77, 11 miles north of Brookings. A good marker is the Stirling Methodist church on 77, then you drive on one mile more and turn east three miles, and you will see the Pioneer Church three-fourths mile south.

Rev. Harold Ibsen, District President.  
Rev. John Enslemann, Pastor.  
Chris Hansen, President.

### CONVENTION PROGRAM

**Friday, September 14**

8:00 p. m.—Opening service, Rev. Enok Mortensen. (No supper served Friday evening.)

**Saturday, September 15**

9:00 a. m.—Morning devotion, Paul Nussle.

10:00 a. m.—Business meeting.

5:00 p. m.—Closing of business meeting.

8:00 p. m.—Evening meeting, Rev. John Enslemann.

**Sunday, September 16**

10:30 a. m.—Worship service with communion. Rev. Harold Ibsen and Rev. John Enslemann.

2:00 p. m.—Lecture by Dr. Alfred Jensen, synod president.

## PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH, WHITE, S. D.

This church with 22 contributing members has dared to invite the VI District to be their guests for the coming district convention.

They have been very busy the last month, the church has been redecorated inside from floor to ceiling, and the hall has been painted. All at a cost of about \$1,000.

Around the church is a beautifully kept cemetery and park, so the district will have a fine setting for all its meetings.

You can not help admiring this little church for its faith and sacrifices in making this possible. May God richly bless them in the future.

Rev. John Enslemann, who is pastor of our churches in Lake Norden and Badger, serves them every other Sunday.

J. E.

## District IX Convention

**TACOMA, WASH, SEPTEMBER 28, 29 and 30, 1956**

### PROGRAM

**General Theme: THE FAITH WE LIVE BY**

**Friday, September 28**

6:00 p. m.—Supper for delegates and pastors and guests.

7:00 p. m.—Registration of guests, delegates and pastors.

7:30 p. m.—Sunday school institute, Mrs. Carl Fynboe in charge.

9:30 p. m.—Coffee.

**Saturday, September 29**

9:00 a. m.—Morning devotions, "The New Covenant Faith," Dr. Jens C. Kjaer, speaker.

10:00 a. m.—Business session.

12:00 Noon—Lunch and committee sessions.

1:30 p. m.—Business session continued.

3:30 p. m.—Coffee.

4:00 p. m.—Panel, "What do you expect of your minister?" Speakers: Carl Fynboe (Spiritual); Hans Christensen (Practical). "What do you expect of your congregation?" Speakers: Pastor J. C. Kjaer (Spiritual); Pastor H. E. Olsen (Practical).

6:00 p. m.—Supper.

7:30 p. m.—WMS business meeting, Mrs. L. C. Larsen presiding.

8:00 p. m.—Evening lecture, "Faith of our Fathers," Rev. Holger Andersen, speaker.

**Sunday, September 30**

10:00 a. m.—Morning worship with holy communion. Sermon: "Faith and Authority," Harold E. Olsen, speaker. John Pedersen, liturgist.

12:00 Noon—Dinner.

2:00 p. m.—Lecture, "A Fashionable Faith," Rev. Robert Fallgatter, speaker.

3:00 p. m.—Recess.

3:30 p. m.—Tour.

6:00 p. m.—Supper.

7:30 p. m.—Lecture, "Faith in Action," Dr. Alfred Jensen, speaker.

The annual convention of the American Evangelical Lutheran Church, District IX, will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1310 South L Street, Tacoma, Washington, September 28, 29 and 30. All congregations of the district are expected to be represented at the convention with one delegate for every twenty (20) voting members. The names of such delegates shall be in the hands of the credentials committee one week prior to the meeting dates.

As part of the convention program this year will be a

Sunday school institute. Each congregation is urged to send as many of its religious education instructors to this meeting as possible in addition to any members of the church who are potential instructors. The names of teachers shall be submitted along with the names of other convention guests also one week prior to the convention.

We covet the prayers of the entire church upon this meeting for an insight into greater district responsibility and greater service to the kingdom of God.

**Harold E. Olsen**, District President.

In accord with the above announcement St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Tacoma, Wash., hereby invites delegates, members and friends of the congregation of District IX to the convention of District IX, September 28, 29 and 30.

We would like to see, not only delegates and pastors, but also many visitors. Please send your names at least one week before the meeting.

**C. S. Fynboe**, President.

**Rev. John Pedersen**, Pastor.

## LWR Nears \$1,250,000 Mark; 39% at Mid-Point Date

New York—(NLC)—Thirty-nine per cent of this year's Lutheran World Action goal of \$3,172,000 was raised during the first six months of the annual appeal, it was reported here by the Rev. Rollin G. Shaffer, promotional secretary of the LWA.

The cash receipts for LWA through June 30, reported from the eight church bodies participating in the appeal, amounted to \$1,225,566.73.

Even though this year's goal is over seven per cent higher than last year's the pattern of this year's advance duplicates that of last year's, both showing 39 per cent of the year's work done. If the present effort is maintained, a successful LWA year is a certainty, said Mr. Shaffer.

The Augustana Lutheran Church, pledging \$358,141 this year, has contributed 52 per cent of its goal. On a percentage basis the Augustana Lutheran Church topped all contributors to the LWA in 1955 when it raised 109 per cent of its quota.

The United Lutheran Church in America and the American Lutheran Church both hold an above average standing, each having reached 44 per cent of its quota.

The LWA funds raised in 1956 will be allocated to inter-church aid in Europe, refugee resettlement in the U. S. and services to refugees in various parts of the world, orphaned missions, Lutheran World Relief, ministry to the armed forces, Latin American missions, and cooperative work with other Protestant agencies.

The complete financial report, as of June 30, 1956, follows:

### Church Body

United Lutheran Church in America	-----
Evangelical Lutheran Church	-----
American Lutheran Church	-----
Augustana Lutheran Church	-----
Lutheran Free Church	-----
United Evangelical Lutheran Church	-----
Suomi Synod	-----
American Evangelical Lutheran Church	-----
Undesignated	-----

TOTAL -----

## Stewardship Gems

**Fritz Kreisler on Christian Stewardship** — "American Lutheran"

"I was born with music in my system. I knew musical scores instinctively before I knew my ABCs. It was a gift of Providence. I did not acquire it. So I do not even deserve thanks for my music.

"Music is too sacred to be sold. And the outrageous prices the music celebrities charge today truly are a crime against society.

"I never look upon the money I earn as my own. It is public money. It is only entrusted to my care for proper disbursement.

"I am constantly endeavoring to reduce my needs to the minimum. I feel morally guilty in ordering a costly meal, for it deprives someone else of a slice of bread, some child, perhaps, of a bottle of milk. My beloved wife feels exactly the same way about these things as I do. You know what I eat; you know what I wear. In all these years of my so-called success in music, we have not built a home for ourselves. Between it and us stand all the homeless in the world."

## Pastor Knighted by King of Denmark

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within the synod who could read the future were certain that a Danish church could not survive very long in the United States. But since Rev. Jorgensen became minister of St. Peter's Danish Church his congregation has grown from 136 paying members to approximately twice that number today, and it is steadily expanding among the Danes and their descendants. And the Holy Scripture is still preached from the pulpit in the Danish language.

It is mainly due to Rev. Jorgensen's great and steadfast service, that it was possible for his congregation to build the beautiful new church on the corner of Greenfield and Pembroke, which was dedicated in January last year. And the great work will be completed while he is still pastor of the church, because this summer the new parsonage will be built.

It is with deep regret that Rev. Jorgensen's admirers and friends are seeing his life work drawing to a close. He is retiring when his congregation has secured a new minister. But the new church, in the creation of which he had such a great part will stand as a memorial to the Danish emigrants, and their descendants and to their great minister, Rev. Svend A. Jorgensen.

**Johan Emanuelson.**

Elder of St. Peter' Danish Church.

Goal	Cash Received	Percent Goal 6-30-56	Percent Goal 6-30-55
\$1,488,960	\$659,620.09	44	44
637,105	101,027.68	16	34
566,494	247,215.65	44	38
358,141	185,000.00	52	30
47,050	8,000.00	17	22
34,702	10,000.00	29	34
23,581	7,449.79	32	26
15,967	2,583.13	16	20
	5,670.39		
\$3,172,000	\$1,226,566.73	39	39

## Gora Tudu's Visit

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33,000 Santal Christians. There are yet many to be won among India's teeming millions. The fields are white unto harvest. Oh, how we in America need to become missionary minded! How we need to realize that when we can't go ourselves we can have the great privilege of sharing our means to help mission work go forward in even greater strides. As one friend said to me later as we discussed Gora Tudu's message, "It is almost embarrassing to think of all the luxuries which we enjoy over here compared to what they have over there." Yes, and how small our gifts oftentimes are despite our many blessings! Further this friend remarked, "Never before has the Santal Mission come to us in such a personal way." It is blessed to give and it is truly blessed to see the fruits of mission work as it is manifested in this fine young man.

Yes, to have had such a wonderful Christian young man in our home has been a blessing. He won our hearts, and color made no difference whatsoever; in fact, we never thought of it, because we were one in Christ. Oneness in Christ is a marvelous experience. This is even more vividly real to me at the close of this inspiring day. Two persons from opposite corners of the world can reach hands from Dwight to India and be brothers and sisters when there is oneness in Christ — people in the same community, yes, even in the same household can be and remain utter strangers in heart and mind when they are not one in Christ.

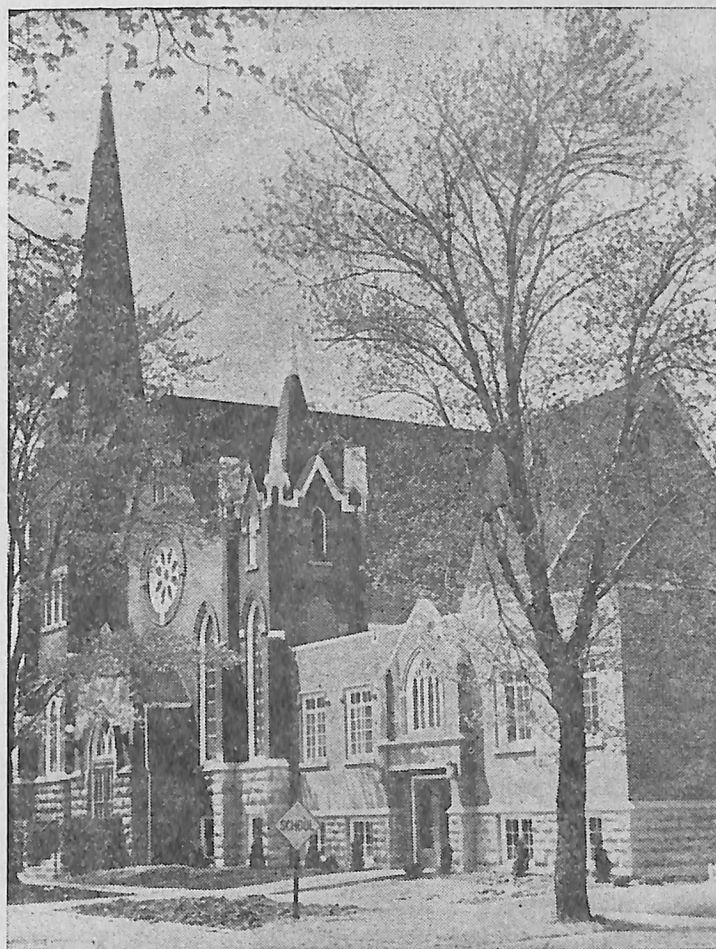
Gora Tudu expressed with eyes beaming his joy at visiting the congregation at Dwight, the home of his dear friend, Pastor Harold Riber. He has looked forward to this visit, and we know he was thrilled at being the dinner guest and afternoon visitor at the Riber family gathering in the cozy home of Harold's parents, Chris and Clara Riber.

It is a long-to-be-remembered experience to have had prayer fellowship with a Christian Santal in our midst. It is a thrill to see what Christ has done in his life — and to know what He has done in Gora Tudu's life. He is willing to do for each one of us if we are but willing. And then when we have experienced His saving grace in our lives we can't help but feel compelled — we **must** help — that others may be led to accept that same wonderful Saviour who so completely transforms lives so that we are one in Him, brothers and sisters in Christ.

Gora Tudu expressed that the Christian Santals and missionaries covet our prayers most of all. May we be prayer partners and prayer warriors for Harold and Mary and the other missionaries and the Santal Christians and that God may richly bless them and their work for Him.

Thank you, Gora Tudu, for the fresh breath you brought us from India. Now I begin to understand the ever-growing love that grips the missionaries as they labor in love among the natives and how they always state that they are so anxious to get back to the mission fields. And it is a mutual love, for you stated in your message how the tears streamed down the face of the natives as they bade good-bye to the missionaries as they would leave on furlough. May you, Gora Tudu, continue to shine so radiantly for your Savior as you have here in Dwight on this beautiful summer day, July 15.

E. A. N.



**SAMUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Headquarters for the AELC convention in Muskegon,  
Michigan, August 14-19.

## UELC VOTES TO RELOCATE ITS SEMINARY AT WARTBURG

Cedar Falls, Iowa—(NLC)—The United Evangelical Lutheran Church decided here to affiliate its Trinity Seminary at Blair, Nebr., with Wartburg Seminary at Dubuque, Iowa, a school of the American Lutheran Church.

Delegates to the Church's 60th annual convention adopted the proposal by a vote of 328 to 13 after rejecting a recommendation from the Board of Christian Higher Education that Trinity Seminary be relocated at Lincoln, Nebr. The vote against moving to Lincoln was 314 to 58.

The decision to affiliate with Wartburg was based on certain principles which the UELC's Board of Higher Education had worked out in consultation with the Board of Higher Education of the ALC.

Under this agreement, the UELC will be represented at Wartburg Seminary by a professor of Trinity Seminary who will also be designated as its president. Named to this spot at the convention here was Prof. Theo. I. Jensen.

The UELC will elect two consultative members on the Board of Regents of Wartburg. Affiliation will be effective as of next September 1 and will continue for a period of four years.

Dr. R. E. Morton, who had resigned as president of Dana College at Blair, was replaced by Dr. C. C. Madsen, professor of practical theology, who will serve as acting president of the college.

## OUR CHURCH

**Maywood, Ill.** The current issue of the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary Record contains two pieces from Dr. Johannes Knudsen. The one is a technical study called "The New Testament — The Kerygma of the Church", first presented for the U. of Chicago N. T. Club last winter. The second is Dr. Knudsen's poetic translation of "The Thread From Above" by Johannes Jorgensen, which appeared on the Women's Page of TIDINGS last year.

**Victory, Mich.** One of our Synod's smallest congregations is successfully sponsoring a refugee family of three, who arrived a few weeks ago. They found that the church had provided a comfortable, completely furnished four-room apartment. Though the Reinhold Lepp family does not speak English, the Lepps already have made many new friends and are at home in Ludington.

**Los Angeles, Calif.** Miss Gina Norgaard's book about exciting pioneer life among the early Danish settlements in the prairie states, **SHADOW OF THE ROCK**, has been selected as the book of the month by one of the book clubs and is expected to sell copies in the thousands as a result. (Lutheran Readers' Club.) The book can be had for \$3.75 by writing Muhlenberg Press, Philadelphia. Miss Norgaard wrote the book with the assistance of her mother, now deceased. She is at work on a sequel, which has been requested by the publishers. She is a member of the Los Angeles congregation, but spent her childhood near Viborg, S. Dakota.

## Youth Camp

The Great Plains District held their Junior Camp at Nysted, Nebr., July 8 through July 13. It was a great success with 50 attending. Denmark, Kansas, Marquette, Hay Springs, Nysted, Omaha, Davey, Cozad, Cordova and Rosenberg Nebraska, were represented at camp. The following leaders were in charge: Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Hansen, Rev. and Mrs. Willard Garred, Rev. and Mrs. Arnie Knudsen, Rev. Marius Krog, and Rev. Calvin Rossman.

Included in our program were: devotions, classes, sports, crafts, swimming, singing, folk-dancing and campfire. I'm sure all the campers, including myself, took back many pleasant memories and a greater understanding of Christian Fellowship.

**Susan Christensen**  
Davey, Nebraska.

## Wanted

The Fredsville Lutheran Church wants to engage either a couple or a single man as sexton and caretaker for its church property and cemetery. A new house is furnished. Anyone interested write to:

**Ralph Thuesen**  
R. 4, Cedar Falls, Iowa

## Acknowledgment of Receipts by the Synod Treasurer

For the Month of July 1956

### Towards the Budget:

Congregations:	
Clinton, Iowa	\$ 600.00
Manistee, Michigan	100.00
St. Pauls, Cedarloo, Cedar Falls, Iowa	42.50
Los Angeles, California	100.00
Menominee, Michigan	38.34
Ludington, Michigan	200.00
Racine, Wisconsin	179.25
Salinas, California	300.00
Marlette, Michigan (Juhl)	234.00
Tacoma, Washington	50.00
Badger, So. Dakota	214.81
Troy, New York	100.00
Bethlehem, Cedar Falls, Iowa	1,000.00
Ludington, Mich. (Victory)	200.61
Grayling, Michigan	200.00
Davey, Nebraska	200.00
Roscommon, Michigan	85.00
Manistee, Michigan	100.00
Waterloo, Iowa	339.90
Watsonville, California	60.00
Gayville, So. Dakota	300.00
Omaha, Nebraska	120.00

### Home Mission:

Danebod Eng. L. Aid, Tyler	34.92
Congregation, Viborg, S. Dak.	
In memory of Frank Jensen	4.00

### Pastor's Pension Contributions

Rev. Erik Moller	37.00
Rev. John Enselmann	37.46

Total receipts for Budget in July, 1956	\$ 4,877.79
Previously acknowledged	28,624.68
Total to date	\$33,502.47

### Received for Items Outside The Budget:

#### For Lutheran World Action:

Congregations:	
St. Paul's, Cedarloo, Cedar Falls, Iowa	14.25
Menominee, Michigan	10.33
Denmark, Kansas	109.17
Racine, Wis., Special offering	10.00
Pastor Heide	5.00
Salinas, California	50.00
Circle Pines, Minn. (by Rev. Jespersen)	10.00
Marlette, Michigan (Juhl)	45.00
Viborg, S. D. Congregation	30.00
In memory of Mrs. Niels Jespersen	4.00
In memory of Frank Jensen	2.00
Ludington, Mich. (Victory)	33.00
Roscommon, Michigan	15.00

Watsonville, California	21.00
Badger, So. Dakota	49.88

Total for July, 1956	\$ 408.63
Previously acknowledged	4,192.64

Total to date	\$ 4,601.27
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#### For Eben-Ezer Mercy Institute:

In memory of Frank Jensen Viborg, So. Dakota	\$ 1.00
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For Lutheran Orient Mission, Congregation, Racine, Wis.	\$ 10.00
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For Building Fund, St. Mark, Circle Pines, Minn.:	
Rev. Harris Jespersen	\$ 5.00

Respectfully submitted,

American Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
**M. C. Miller, Treasurer**  
P. O. Box 177,  
Circle Pines, Minnesota.

## REV. WILLIAM LARSON SUCCEEDS DR. JERSILD AS UELC PRESIDENT

Cedar Falls, Iowa —(NLC)— A contest for the presidency of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church developed at its 60th annual convention here and resulted in the surprise election of a 47-year-old campus pastor.

Named to head the 60,000-member denomination was the Rev. William Larson, pastor to students at the University of Minnesota under the Division of College and University Work of the National Lutheran Council. In this capacity he serves as executive director of the Lutheran Student Foundation of Minnesota.

Mr. Larson was elected in a see-saw struggle with Dr. Hans Jersild, who has been president of the UELC since the death of Dr. N. C. Carlson in 1950 and was a candidate for re-election after two three-year terms in office.

Meeting here June 19-24, the UELC held its election for the presidency on June 22. Voting continued throughout the day and night and it was not until the sixth ballot that Mr. Larson received the two-thirds majority required to elect, polling 268 votes to 63 for Dr. Jersild.

Born in Racine, Wis., on May 19, 1909, Mr. Larson graduated from Dana College in 1933 and from Trinity Seminary in 1936. Both schools are located in Blair, Nebr. During his first pastorate from 1936 to 1943 at Bethany Lutheran church in Boston, Mass., he obtained his M.A. degree from Boston University in 1940 and has also done graduate work at Harvard University.

Mr. Larson served as a navy chaplain in the South Pacific during World War II from 1943 to 1946 and entered student work after his discharge with rank of Commander.

## Contributions to Solvang Lutheran Home

### MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of Mrs. Betty Nielsen (mother) by Le-land and Pauline Nielsen	\$ 10.00
Friends in Whittier	100.00
In memory of Mrs. N. C. Jespersen, Viborg, S. D., Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Poulsen, Mr. and Mrs. Marius Larsen, all of Solvang	6.00
Mr. and Mrs. John M. Petersen, Watsonville	5.00
In memory of Jeppe Jensen, by Emanuel D. E. L. Church, L. A.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Anton Nielsen, L. A.	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jorgensen, Inglewood	2.00
In memory of Mr. Jean Hersholt, Hollywood, Margaret and Paul's, Solvang	10.00
In memory of Julius Petersen, Solvang, Jennie Andersen	2.00
Alma Petersen	1.00
Camilla Hansen	2.00
Jacob Boysen	3.00
Ingeborg Jensen	2.00
Rasmus Petersen	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Christensen	2.00
In memory of Mr. Nick Jensen, Salinas, Pors and Schultz Family	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Hans Jespersen, Salinas	3.50
In memory of John Henry Nissen, Santa Cruz, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Jespersen, Salinas	3.50
In memory of Mrs. Laurence Sorensen, Cedar Falls, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. John M. Pe-	

tersen, Watsonville	5.00
In memory of Mr. Iver Beck, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Petersen, Watsonville	5.00
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS	
Deigaard Nursery, Monrovia	500.00
Niels Pallisgaard, L. A.	250.00
Valdemar Frankel, L. A.	200.00
M. J. Kergaard, L. A.	100.00
Mr. Davis, Santa Maria	50.00
Mr. Tom Knudsen's evening, L. A.	120.00
Mrs. Thyra Ostlund, Solvang Home	50.00
Solvang Home Residents	70.00
Mrs. Jake Roth, Solvang	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Holm, Parlier	25.00
Alfa No. 14 of the Danish Ladies Lodge, Dannebrog, Modesto	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hansen, "Scandia" L. A.	250.00
First Ev. Luth. Guild, Watsonville	50.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Knudsen, Monrovia	25.00

Period from May 1, 1956 to June 30, 1956 \$ 1,899.00  
Previously acknowledged 12,243.49  
Unpaid Pledges 1,500.00  
Our heartiest appreciation for these kind gifts and kindest greetings.

SOLVANG LUTHERAN HOME  
Nis P. Pors, Treas.

### Solvang Lutheran Home Inc. Consolidated Balance Sheet General and Operating Account June 30, 1956

ASSETS	
Current Assests	
Petty cash	\$ 25.00
Santa Ynez Valley Bank	1,471.08
Inventory—June 30, 1956	610.91
	\$ 2,106.99
Fixed Assests	
Land	\$ 5,000.00
Site improvements	7,021.35
Less reserve for depreciation	798.00
	\$ 6,223.35
Kronborg building	\$22,465.85
Less reserve for depreciation	1,347.96
	\$21,117.89
Fredensborg building	\$29,957.86
Less reserve for depreciation	1,796.04
	\$28,161.82
Sonderborg building	\$28,460.06
Less reserve for depreciation	1,098.40
	\$27,361.66
Rosenborg building	\$33,071.97
Less reserve for depreciation	330.72
	\$32,741.25
Equipment	\$ 4,711.72
Less reserve for depreciation	1,002.30
	\$ 3,709.42
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 6,282.49

Less reserve for depreciation	715.36
	\$ 5,567.13
Automobile	\$ 150.00
Less reserve for depreciation	4.17
	\$ 145.83
	\$130,028.35
Prepaid Insurance	\$ 436.05
	\$132,571.39

### LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 1,314.44
Federal Ins. Cont. Act.	117.00
Withholding taxes	250.60
	\$ 1,682.04

### Fixed Liabilities

Residents prepayment	\$ 7,150.00
Non residents prepayment	5,300.00
Loan payable	16,975.00
	\$29,425.00

### Surplus

Operating surplus	\$ 1,022.91
Gain for year	1,794.60

	\$ 2,817.51
General account surplus	\$86,252.10
Gain for year	12,394.74

\$98,646.84

\$101,464.35

\$132,571.39

### Consolidated Profit and Loss Statement General and Operating Account June 30, 1956

Income	
Residents income	\$24,568.00
Medical fees	281.50
Contributions	2,139.53
Other income	783.68
Resident prepayment deceased	1,740.00
Cash donations	12,437.49
Paid pledges	400.00
Memorial gifts	1,305.50
	\$43,655.70

### Operating expenses

Cost of food and supplies used	\$ 7,096.88
Bank charge	10.55
Office supplies	229.74
Postage, freight and box rent	91.20
Telephone and telegraph	406.43
Public relations	601.08
Insurance	298.59
Depreciation	2,945.75
Interest expense	730.00
Salaries and wages	9,669.65
Laundry and ironing	542.70
Electric power, water, sewer	3,453.57
Repairs and maintenance	1,305.19
Rental	567.13
Employers F.I.C.A. taxes	192.81
Audit and legal fees	695.67
Drugs and medicine	263.84
Travel	336.43
Miscellaneous	20.15

\$29,466.36

Total gain for year \$14,189.34

I am a member of  
the congregation at  
August 5, 1956

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_  
New Address \_\_\_\_\_

NEW ADDRESS—If you move, then write your name and new address in the space provided. Be sure to state what congregation you belong to. Clip this out so that the old address is included and mail to LUTHERAN TIDINGS, Askov, Minnesota.

REV. CLAYTON NIELSEN 5-1  
WITHEE, WIS.